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FM AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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INFO AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

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AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG

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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BGEN, SF, ETRD

SUBJ: SOUTH AFRICAN IMPORT LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

REF: STATE 210442

1. ROLUX REPEATED TO CONGEN JOHANNESBURG THAT 180 DAY INTEREST-FREE CREDIT TERMS NEEDED TO OBTAIN EXPORT LICENSE, BUT SA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE IN PRETORIA DENIES THERE IS ANY SUCH REQUIREMENT. INSTEAD, SAG SAYS IT ENCOURAGES IMPORTERS OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT TO SEEK SIX MONTHS CREDIT FROM SUPPLIERS AT BEST RATES OBTAINABLE, BUT WILL NOT WITHHOLD LICENSE IF CREDIT NOT GRANTED.

2. COMMENT: SA HAS NOT HAD THE CAPITAL INFLOW DURING PRESENT UPSWING IN BUSINESS CYCLE THAT IT HAS EXPERIENCED IN PAST UPSWINGS, LARGEMLY BECAUSE OF HIGH INTEREST RATES ABROAD. FINANCE MINISTER ANNOUNCED IN BUDGET SPEECH AUGUST 14 THAT LOANS FROM ABROAD MORE APPROPRIATE NOW THAT LOCAL AND FOREIGN RATES MORE NEARLY COMPARABLE. SAID RESERVE BANK WOULD ADOPT "MORE SYMPATHETIC ATTITUDE" TOWARDS REQUESTS TO BORROW ABROAD AND WOULD ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR FORWARD EXCHANGE COVER FOR FRADITS OF SIX MONTHS OR MORE. END COMMENT.

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3. PROBABLE THAT SAG'S "ENCOURAGEMENT" FOR IMPORTERS TO SEEK

SUPPLIER CRADIT IS PUT IN TOO STRONG TERMS BY SOME LICENSING  
OFFICIALS. SUGGEST CONGEN JOHANNESBURG TELL ROLUX OUR UNDER-  
STANDING OF POLICY. IF ROLUX STILL CONTENDS THAT CREDIT IS A  
DEFINITE REQUIREMENT, CONGEN COULD ASK IDENTITY OF OFFICIAL WHO  
IS SOURCE OF THEIR INFORMATION AND WE WILL GO BACK TO DEPARTMENT  
OF COMMERCE IN PRETORIA.

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